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+ OREGON WEATHER +
+ Fair, cooler in east portion. +
+ Gentle westerly winds. +

THE WHEAT SITUATION

Man proposes, and nature disposes. Mother nature has certainly played hob with government wheat plans.

With \$2.25 a bushel promised in order to stimulate production, there was the prospect, up to two months ago, of an over-production so great as to amount in some ways to a misfortune. It was commonly said that wheat would be so plentiful and cheap, the government would have to pay the farmers nearly \$1,000,000,000 bonus for their crop. And the farmers were extremely well satisfied. They stood by the government guarantee.

The amazing reversal of the situation has only become generally known within the last few days. Unfavorable weather has lowered the year's wheat prospect to 400,000,000 less than the June estimate. It will still be a pretty fair crop, but not more than two-thirds of what was expected. There is a shortage also of 400,000,000 bushels in Europe.

Thus the natural market price of wheat, which two months ago seemed destined to fall considerably below the guarantee, is now certain to be considerably above it. European wheat is said to be selling at home for \$3.75 a bushel. Experts say that if the government fixed price were abolished, as many congressmen wanted to do but lately, the price of American wheat in the home market would jump immediately to \$3.25 or \$3.50 a bushel.

The guarantee, which seemed destined to be a blessing for the farmer and a misfortune for the rest of the public, therefore becomes a blessing for the consumer and a sad blow to the producer. On the whole, however, the farmer will probably fare well enough. All crops considered, he is in a better economic position than any other large class of citizens. Some wheat-raisers doubtless deserve sympathy, but the majority of farmers can worry along rather comfortably.

THE AMERICAN BUFFALO

For a time it looked as if the buffalo were destined to vanish from America. The few roaming wild were growing fewer year by year, and the small herds in captivity were decreasing. Then the government took the matter in hand and made a deliberate effort to save the species from extermination.

The first buffalo census was taken in 1889, and at that time only about 500 of the animals were discoverable in the United States. Now, happily, the number is more than 3,000. About two-thirds of these are owned by individuals, but the government owns eight herds, six of them under the direct control of the department of agriculture. The largest of the eight is that one in Yellowstone Park which contains about 450 buffalo. The Smithsonian Institution has a herd of 18 at Washington, D. C.

Recently provision has been made for lending government animals to municipalities or institutions, or exchanging them. This is because of a surplus of males in some of the government herds. It is hoped that the loan or exchange may result in a greater increase in numbers in the next few years.

Without the American bison our plains could hardly have been tra-

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versed, our West won. Not only is a debt due this race, so wastefully handled for so many years, but by preserving it one of the most interesting of historical monuments is kept for posterity. The commercial possibilities in large herds of buffalo are enormous, needless to say, so that there is every reason in the world both of business and of sentiment why our native bison should be preserved.

THE BATHING GIRL
(By Jerry Owen in Oregon Voter)

Our villagers their gentleness
And poise are sacrificing,
To gaze upon the bathing girl
In costumettes enticing;
The town is soothly going berserk,
To use a mild expression;
The mermaid craze
These August days
Approaches an obsession.

There was a time, which we recall,
When mother fanned our breeches
For taking in a swimming hole
Of playful water witches;
The nymphs aforesaid were attired
In suits that reached their ankles;
But Ma said nix;
The vision sticks,
And is our bosom rankles.

No more the blessed damsel
Of dainty chiseled feature,
Diaphanous habiliments,
A transcendental creature,
Is set upon a pedestal
And worshipped from a distance;
The modern maid
Is unafraid
And craves high geared existence.

She strips her duds, and drapes her frame
In knit goods, colors screaming,
And beats it for the river beach
Where life, all eyes, is teeming;
The crowds gaze on her dimpled stits
And watch her rudeless capers,
And then at dawn
They gloat upon
Her picture in the papers.

We beg the gods, if they are still
Possessed of jurisdiction,
To can these bold mackennett Janes
That vamp without restriction;
And send us simple loveliness,
With thoughts more sweetly tender
And bandish rude
Stripped Pulchritude,
And raw barbaric splendor.

SAMUEL GOMPERS SAILS
SUNDAY FOR AMERICA

Paris, Aug. 16.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will sail for America Sunday. He was called home by urgent problems which cut his European trip short.

FORMER G. P. WOMAN
HONORED BY PATIENTS

The "West's Recall," the official publication of the U. S. army general hospital No. 20, at Whipple Barracks, recently published the following regarding the philanthropic work of a former Grants Pass woman:

"A very pleasing little 'stunt' took place at the Community house in Prescott on Wednesday last, in the form of a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ryckman, of a silver pitcher, suitably engraved, from the patients of Whipple Barracks. The occasion was also marked as the 10th anniversary of the wedding of these two devoted friends of the soldiers. In addition to the large number of the boys, there were also present many personal friends of the couple. Sgt. Kutha, in an eloquent speech, voiced the sentiments of the patients at Whipple. He dwelt upon the self-sacrificing devotion on the part of Mrs. Ryckman, who permitted nothing to come between her and 'her boys.' He told of the deep, sincere gratitude of all those who had benefitted by the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Ryckman to make life seem worth while.

"It is safe to say that no more earnest worker as an individual, than Mrs. Ryckman ever visited Whipple, in the interest of the patients. Her cheerful optimism and generous good nature have helped many a boy to feel that Whipple Barracks held more than a doubtful future in store for him. The Ryckman home has ever been wide open for those who cared to avail themselves of it, and many a delightful hour has been spent there by those who accepted the ever ready invitation."

MINERS ENTOMBED

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 18.—Twenty-five coal miners were entombed by an explosion near Lavetta. Two bodies have been recovered.

Five Dollars Reward—

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JOHN DENISON BUYS IN
AUTO FIRM OF MEDFORD

J. H. Denison, who has been engaged in the auto business in Grants Pass for some time and is thoroughly acquainted with the business, has purchased the interest of Roy Pruitt in the Pruitt-Hitson Auto Co.; and has taken charge of the sales department. J. F. Hittson, the other popular member of the firm, will remain in charge of the shop.

This company recently occupied enlarged quarters to better care for their business. They handle Buick, Chevrolet, Franklin and Case cars, and Goodyear tires and accessories.

The new firm will be known as the Medford Auto Co., and promises to be as popular as the old.

Mr. Denison likes Medford very much and has been desirous of locating here for some time.

F. E. Hayes is the new bookkeeper for the company. All the other help remains with the new firm.—Medford Sun.

NEW TODAY

LOST—Tuesday, gold bar pin, 2 inches long. Gold pendant attached. Finder please leave at Courier office. 48

FOR SALE—Peaches for canning. Will deliver, 60 cents. Route 3, Box 92. 52

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COMING EVENTS

Aug. 11-29—Josephine county teachers' training school.

Aug. 20, Wednesday—Social by Presbyterian ladies at River Banks farms. 50

Aug. 23, Saturday—Civil service examination for postoffice clerk-carrier postponed from July 12.

Aug. 23, Saturday—Josephine County Grange meeting with the Merlin Grange. A good dinner with an interesting program is in store for those who attend.

Sept. 8, Monday—Board of equalization meets.

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